

1 we know about metal-on-polyethylene, we know far  
2 less about the metal-on-metal, and I think the more  
3 we know about the basic information, the better off  
4 we are.

5 DR. YASZEMSKI: Thank you, Dr. Li.

6 Dr. Finnegan?

7 DR. FINNEGAN: I also think the answer is  
8 yes. However, I think that a number of these need  
9 to be included. Post-market surveillance; and I  
10 think the 522 needs to be negotiated for 5 to 10  
11 years, because a good number of people sitting in  
12 the back of the room know that something can look  
13 good at 2 years and look catastrophic at 2-1/2  
14 years, and they have already had this life  
15 experience with metal-on-metal. So I think that  
16 that needs to be prenegotiated that that is  
17 actually something they can do.

18 I think patient registration for the  
19 younger patients is essential; device tracking  
20 would be nice; and I agree with Dr. Li that testing  
21 guidelines definitely need to be set up.

22 DR. YASZEMSKI: Thank you, Dr. Finnegan.

23 Dr. Lyons?

24 DR. LYONS: Number 7, yes. Post-market  
25 surveillance, yes. Consider expanded test

1 guidelines, yes. Device tracking is probably a  
2 good idea.

3 DR. YASZEMSKI: Dr. Lyons, what do you  
4 think would be an appropriate duration for the  
5 post-market surveillance?

6 DR. LYONS: Well, Class II isn't an  
7 untracked class itself, either, so I think that 5  
8 years is a nice number. I know that once you get  
9 to 5 years, everybody wants 10 years, but 2 years  
10 is a little bit on the brief side with the numbers  
11 that we have. If we had an option, I'd say up to  
12 5. I wouldn't ask for anything more than that. I  
13 think that would be all right. But 5 would be a  
14 nice thought.

15 DR. YASZEMSKI: Also, before we move on to  
16 Dr. Wright, Dr. Finnegan, could I come back to  
17 you--you mentioned registering and following the  
18 young patients. Would you suggest an age range for  
19 what is "young" and should be included in that?

20 DR. FINNEGAN: Yes--under 75. No--again,  
21 Dr. Jacobs could probably help me with this. I  
22 don't know how long--it took 10 years for the  
23 hematopoietic tumors to show up. Is he still here?

24 DR. YASZEMSKI: Dr. Jacobs, would you mind  
25 commenting on this?

1 DR. FINNEGAN: Is there an age in the  
2 patients--in other words, was that more likely to  
3 happen if you were under 55 or 60 or more likely to  
4 happen if you were over 70?

5 DR. JACOBS: I don't think the studies are  
6 adequate enough that you can break out an age.

7 DR. FINNEGAN: Okay.

8 DR. JACOBS: Tom Schmalzried did that  
9 literature review. I don't know, Tom, if you have  
10 any additional information.

11 DR. YASZEMSKI: Dr. Schmalzried--age?

12 DR. SCHMALZRIED: I'm sorry. The problem  
13 is that in general, most of the follow-up that is  
14 available for those 10,000 or so cases is less than  
15 5 years. There is a real small amount, a minimum  
16 number of patients, who have more than 10-year  
17 follow-up. That's one of the bit limitations of  
18 the data, because the latency periods for known  
19 carcinogens are longer than the person-years at  
20 risk that we have for these devices.

21 So that's a real problem. If you take  
22 traditional carcinogens--asbestos, tobacco,  
23 ionizing radiation--you are talking about decades  
24 latency.

25 DR. FINNEGAN: But your numbers were

1 pretty consistent in the two studies that after 10  
2 years, there was a much higher risk.

3 DR. SCHMALZRIED: Oh, the risk goes up  
4 after 10 years, but you have to remember that this  
5 is an association, not a causation. If you are  
6 following anybody, once they go from 50 to 60 years  
7 of age, their risk goes up, and these are not  
8 adjusted--

9 DR. FINNEGAN: Right, it goes up. But if  
10 they are 90, we might not worry about it so much.  
11 I was looking for an upper limit.

12 DR. SCHMALZRIED: Well, if they start at  
13 90, because their potential years of exposure are  
14 less, yes, that's correct.

15 DR. FINNEGAN: Yes. So there is no bottom  
16 number, and the top number is probably going to  
17 adjust as our life-expectancy adjusts--so, no.

18 DR. YASZEMSKI: Okay.

19 Dr. Wright?

20 DR. WRIGHT: Number 7 is yes.

21 I would recommend device tracking.

22 DR. WITTEN: Excuse me. Could I just  
23 provide a clarification about device tracking?

24 DR. YASZEMSKI: Please do.

25 DR. WITTEN: I am sorry to interrupt.

1 Device tracking is not for data collection on the  
2 devices. It is to allow the manufacturer to be  
3 able to reach the patient who has a given device in  
4 case they need to get back to that patient for that  
5 specific reason.

6 So I just want to be clear about the terms  
7 and what we are asking for, because there is a  
8 difference between what you might recommend if what  
9 you're looking for is prospective data collection  
10 versus making sure that a patient can be notified  
11 if there is a need to, and device tracking  
12 accomplishes the latter.

13 DR. YASZEMSKI: May I ask Dr. Witten,  
14 similar to the question was asked Dr. McGunagle  
15 before, how frequently is device tracking used at  
16 FDA?

17 DR. WITTEN: There are some tracked  
18 devices, but not a huge number. Actually, he might  
19 know the answer.

20 Do you know the answer to that?

21 DR. YASZEMSKI: Sorry, Dr. McGunagle. We  
22 are asking how frequently is device tracking used;  
23 and perhaps give an example of a device that has  
24 been tracked by the FDA.

25 DR. WITTEN: Well, I can tell you the one

1 example in our division, which is dura mater  
2 allograft is a tracked device.

3 DR. MCGUNAGLE: The number of devices  
4 which are actually subject to tracking is  
5 relatively small; it is on the order of about 10.  
6 The list used to be considerably longer until the  
7 1997 Amendments, where tracking was redefined in  
8 part in the statute, and we had to reassess the  
9 tracking list. That resulted in a great reduction.

10 DR. YASZEMSKI: Thank you, Dr. Witten and  
11 Dr. McGunagle.

12 MS. MAHER: Can I add something to the  
13 conversation?

14 DR. YASZEMSKI: Yes, please.

15 MS. MAHER: You are talking about  
16 post-market surveillance and going out 5 to 10  
17 years. I think there are a couple of things that  
18 we should keep in mind. Number one, 5 to 10 years  
19 from now, many of these devices will potentially  
20 already be obsolete. Number two, we have an MDR  
21 procedure in place where we are following and we  
22 are required as a manufacturer to report adverse  
23 events to the agency, and that gets the information  
24 in there and actually does require us to keep track  
25 of and to notify people if the data shows that

1 there is an issue. We are also subject to the QSR  
2 or Quality System Regulations, and most of us to  
3 the Medical Devices Directive in Europe, which  
4 requires us to follow and track these types of  
5 issues as well and to come up with corrective  
6 actions and notifications if we find issues.

7 So in reference to postmarket surveillance  
8 for 10 years out, patient registries which have  
9 serious implications when it comes to patient  
10 privacy acts, you need to be careful how you are  
11 recommending these things and whether there are  
12 easier ways that are less burdensome to accomplish  
13 the same information.

14 DR. YASZEMSKI: Thank you.

15 DR. WRIGHT: Then, I am going to amend my  
16 answer. I'm going to say no for Number 7.

17 DR. YASZEMSKI: Okay. Thank you.

18 Any other comments, Dr. Wright?

19 DR. WRIGHT: No, thank you.

20 DR. YASZEMSKI: Dr. Cheng?

21 DR. CHENG: My answer is no, and I'll  
22 explain why. Just to follow up on Ms. Maher's  
23 comment, I don't think the device in 5 years is  
24 going to be outdated. I still put in the same hip  
25 I put in 5 years ago, and the hip that was put in

1 by my teachers 15 years ago is still being put in;  
2 so I don't think that in 5 years, it is going to be  
3 outdated. Unfortunately, our world doesn't change  
4 that fast.

5 I don't quite understand--my feelings on  
6 this issue are not much different from many of the  
7 people around the table, really--I have just heard  
8 Dr. Li, Dr. Peimer, and Dr. Aboulafia tell us that  
9 they felt the submission was premature or too  
10 early. If that's the case, I don't understand how  
11 you can give an answer of "yes" for the question in  
12 terms of answering this form.

13 I guess the question in my mind is how do  
14 we get the answers that you want and the data that  
15 you want as quickly as possible, with the highest  
16 level of confidence. In my opinion, that is to  
17 keep it as a Class III device and call for a PMA.

18 You are right, Sally, that if you leave it  
19 as it is right now, the devices will continue to go  
20 on the market through 510(k), but you aren't going  
21 to get the answers and the data that you want.

22 So if that is what we want, we should ask  
23 for it instead of just clearing it for approval;  
24 we're going to have a dozen devices out there in 10  
25 years, and we're not going to have the answers to



1 the questions that we want, sitting here discussing  
2 around the table now.

3 That's why I would answer "no."

4 DR. YASZEMSKI: Thank you, Dr. Cheng.

5 Dr. Larntz?

6 DR. LARNTZ: Well, I'm afraid I am a  
7 conditional person, and my conditional person says  
8 that if the clinical studies which have been done,  
9 without even more data collection but analyzed  
10 properly, showed the convincing evidence that the  
11 device, metal-on-metal, were equivalent to  
12 metal-on-polyethylene, I would be quite satisfied  
13 to say that special controls should be the same as  
14 metal-on-polyethylene with additional testing  
15 related to the fact that we have metal in the  
16 device--and Dr. Li has certainly outlined that kind  
17 of testing.

18 So that is my condition; but if I don't  
19 have that assurance, and my leap of faith says,  
20 gee, I think I could analyze these data, and I bet  
21 they would come out okay--that's sort of my gut  
22 feeling--that's really my gut feeling, that it  
23 looks okay--nothing looks bad--I said that in my  
24 original presentation--but I don't have that  
25 information, so I gave my answer conditionally. If

1 I knew that the clinical studies analyzing the data  
2 that we have now--not premature, just analyzing the  
3 data that we have now, because I think that with  
4 longitudinal analysis, you could make a convincing  
5 case that you were equivalent; I can't make that  
6 with the kind of data analysis that was  
7 presented--but conditional on that, I would  
8 institute special controls the same as  
9 metal-on-polyethylene--and I don't know what those  
10 are, because--I just don't know--and with  
11 additional testing related to particularly using  
12 the metal device, particularly lab testing.

13 DR. CHENG: Could I follow up on that?

14 DR. YASZEMSKI: Yes, but before you start,  
15 Dr. Cheng--Dr. Larntz, yes or no?

16 DR. LARNTZ: Conditional--well, I guess I  
17 have to say no.

18 DR. YASZEMSKI: Thank you.

19 Dr. Cheng?

20 DR. CHENG: So if your answer is  
21 conditional, why approve it now? Why not approve  
22 it in 12 months or in 24 months? Basically, we  
23 have three studies here of unpublished data with  
24 less than 50 percent follow-up when the database  
25 was locked. Now, there is more data there if you

1 unlock the database that OSMA could present to the  
2 FDA. They could do the statistical analysis that  
3 you are requesting and bring it back to the  
4 committee and make a decision 12 months from  
5 now--or 6 months from now--and you'd have more  
6 data.

7 But we have three unpublished studies, and  
8 we have published studies on some of the  
9 contemporary devices that are cited here; but in 12  
10 or 24 months, you are going to have more data, and  
11 you will be able to answer the question, as I said,  
12 with a higher level of confidence. So I just don't  
13 understand why you would down-classify it now at  
14 this point in time.

15 DR. YASZEMSKI: Dr. Larntz?

16 DR. LARNTZ: Yes, if I could follow up for  
17 just a second--and I don't disagree--I think the  
18 data may be there now, with appropriate analysis,  
19 to allow me to say--let me say I do want to make  
20 other point. I think patient registries are very  
21 ineffective because they are very hard to do. And  
22 this is a statistician talking, okay? So we have  
23 to be very careful when we think about patient  
24 registries. The difficulty in doing them is always  
25 underestimated--totally underestimated. They are

1 very, very hard to do.

2 I think we are better off allowing devices  
3 to be tracked and get our information from  
4 countries that have different health care systems  
5 that track patients better than we do. We don't do  
6 a very good job. So I really think--my opinion is  
7 that we almost have to give up on that, unless we  
8 are very, very intense about it, and I don't think  
9 many companies or Government agencies can be that  
10 intense over a long period of time. So that's my  
11 comment.

12 DR. YASZEMSKI: Thanks, Dr. Larntz.

13 I'm going to recognize Dr. Aboulafia in a  
14 moment, but may I ask Dr. Witten if the issue came  
15 up during Dr. Cheng's and Dr. Larntz' discussion  
16 about having to gather this data via the PMA  
17 process, and perhaps that would be more  
18 appropriate--but is it true or not true that the  
19 long-term data that we are discussing now may not  
20 come through that process because it would be at a  
21 2-year point when each PMA would come through?  
22 Could you clarify that for us a little bit?

23 DR. WITTEN: Well, I'll just give you kind  
24 of a generic answer which will probably answer your  
25 question. If we called for PMAs, and a sponsor

1 submitted PMA for this kind of device, we would  
2 probably take it to an advisory panel like this  
3 one, and chances are we'd take it with a 2-year  
4 study, and then we would ask the panel what the  
5 panel recommended, and the panel may come out and  
6 say they think it should be approved and recommend  
7 a post-approval study. That is something that we  
8 have certainly done with other PMAs.

9 So I can't say exactly what we would do in  
10 this case, but that's what we have done with other  
11 orthopedic implants.

12 DR. YASZEMSKI: Thank you, Dr. Witten.

13 Dr. Aboulafia?

14 DR. ABOULAFIA: I would just say that I  
15 agree with that completely, and the comments that I  
16 made before still stick; and if my comments stick,  
17 then maybe the answer to the question is "no" and  
18 not "yes" as I initially said.

19 DR. YASZEMSKI: Do you want to change your  
20 answer?

21 DR. ABOULAFIA: Please.

22 DR. PEIMER: I have a question.

23 DR. YASZEMSKI: Dr. Peimer.

24 DR. PEIMER: I'm sorry, it's a point of  
25 information directed to Dr. Witten. If the

1 scenario you just described was a PMA and a  
2 postmarket study, why is it that what we are asking  
3 for is not a postmarket study in effect here--in  
4 other words, if we are looking for long-term data.

5 DR. WITTEN: Well, the mechanisms for  
6 getting postmarket data are different in the PMA  
7 and 510(k) process. So in the PMA, we have made  
8 these studies a condition of approval that the  
9 sponsors agree to. For these types of devices,  
10 these 510(k)s, Dr. McGunagle went over what our  
11 regulatory mechanisms were for getting additional  
12 data, which are basically, as he said, the MDR  
13 system and the Section 522. The MDR is the adverse  
14 event reporting, which isn't a prospective study,  
15 but it is a system for surveillance on types of  
16 adverse events.

17 And the Section 522 studies, which is the  
18 discretionary postmarket surveillance studies,  
19 which we can impose for up to a 3-year period  
20 post-clearance of the device.

21 So you get the information, and it is a  
22 different regulatory mechanism.

23 DR. PEIMER: In which case, I'd like to  
24 change my vote to "no."

25 DR. YASZEMSKI: Okay.

1 Are there any other comments?

2 MS. SHULMAN: Just for the record, we need  
3 a clarification on Dr. Larntz' vote--was it "yes"  
4 or "no"?

5 DR. LARNTZ: It was "no."

6 DR. YASZEMSKI: It would seem, then, that  
7 the majority of the panel is going to consider the  
8 answer to Question 7 "no," which would indicate  
9 that this would be a Class III device if we voted  
10 on it as is, and I would ask for clarification from  
11 FDA now. Given that, should we vote on the  
12 worksheet at this point, or should we go through  
13 the rest of it given the predominance of "no"  
14 answers to Question 7?

15 MS. SHULMAN: We'll continue with the  
16 worksheet and then vote on it as it is at the end.

17 DR. YASZEMSKI: Okay.

18 Numbers 8 and 9, we can skip, because they  
19 go to performance standards, and we don't have a  
20 performance standard.

21 Number 10: "For a device recommended for  
22 classification or reclassification into Class III,  
23 identifying the priority requiring premarket  
24 approval application (PMA) submissions."

25 This is a "high", "medium", "low" or "not

1 applicable" question. It is basically how quick do  
2 you want us to call for the PMAs to come in.

3 DR. FINNEGAN: What are the time frames?

4 MS. SHULMAN: There aren't any time  
5 frames.

6 DR. YASZEMSKI: Let's go around.

7 Dr. Aboulafia?

8 DR. ABOULAFIA: If I understand the  
9 question correctly, I would say it's a low  
10 priority. I think it is generated by industry, and  
11 industry can decide, and I wouldn't force the issue  
12 with industry one way or the other.

13 DR. YASZEMSKI: Dr. Peimer?

14 DR. PEIMER: I'd like to see industry  
15 apply, but I would leave it to industry to decide  
16 when to submit their PMA.

17 DR. YASZEMSKI: Dr. Li?

18 DR. LI: I'm sorry--could you repeat what  
19 this question means again?

20 MS. SHULMAN: It is basically how fast do  
21 you want us to go out and make the call for PMAs.  
22 When we make the call for PMAs, the companies will  
23 have 30 months to come in with their premarket  
24 approval application for us to review.

25 DR. LI: So these are companies that



1 already have 510(k) clearance?

2 MS. SHULMAN: Yes.

3 DR. LI: And so this would be how fast you  
4 want to make them come back and do a PMA?

5 MS. SHULMAN: Correct.

6 DR. PEIMER: So if you don't call for a  
7 PMA, nothing changes.

8 MS. SHULMAN: Correct.

9 DR. PEIMER: High; high priority.

10 DR. LI: I would like to make it medium  
11 priority. I'm sorry I was distracted; I think I  
12 finally understood Question 7. My apologies. It  
13 should be a "no" on my part for Question 7.

14 DR. YASZEMSKI: All right.

15 Dr. Finnegan?

16 DR. FINNEGAN: High priority.

17 DR. YASZEMSKI: Dr. Lyons?

18 DR. LYONS: Low priority.

19 DR. YASZEMSKI: Dr. Wright?

20 DR. WRIGHT: Medium.

21 DR. YASZEMSKI: Dr. Cheng?

22 DR. CHENG: Oh, I guess out of fairness to  
23 the companies, I think you should leave it in  
24 limbo; so I'd call for it as soon as you had the  
25 manpower to deal with it. If that's high priority

1 or medium, I don't know. I mean, it's not a  
2 life-threatening issue here; it has been going on  
3 for 25 years. But you may not have the manpower to  
4 deal with applications if it comes through--but I  
5 think you ought to deal with it as quickly as  
6 possible.

7 DR. YASZEMSKI: So that's a high priority  
8 for Dr. Cheng.

9 Dr. Larntz?

10 DR. LARNTZ: May I ask a question just to  
11 make sure? What if a company has a new  
12 metal-on-metal device, and we classify it  
13 officially as Class III--do they then go through a  
14 PMA process to get that approved, or if you haven't  
15 called for the PMAs, can they still use the 510(k)  
16 mechanism--since you haven't called for the PMAs  
17 for 25 years.

18 DR. YASZEMSKI: Dr. Witten?

19 DR. WITTEN: Right at the moment, anyone  
20 can come in with their application for a 510(k).

21 DR. LARNTZ: And until you call for the  
22 PMAs, this stays the same?

23 DR. WITTEN: Exactly.

24 DR. LARNTZ: Low priority.

25 DR. YASZEMSKI: Dr. Aboulafia?

1 DR. ABOULAFIA: Just a point of  
2 clarification. High priority means, if I  
3 understand it correctly, that you see that there is  
4 a major problem or major public health issue here,  
5 that this thing either needs to get off the 510(k)  
6 list or it should be approved and used everywhere,  
7 and replace everything we are already using.  
8 That's high priority.

9 Low priority, if I understand it  
10 correctly, means they are happy with the current  
11 system; it is okay with you; and if industry wants  
12 to take it to the next step, then it is up to them,  
13 but you wouldn't think that that is an overriding  
14 public health issue.

15 DR. YASZEMSKI: Dr. Witten or Ms. Shulman,  
16 is that accurate?

17 DR. WITTEN: Well, it really--no. I'd say  
18 it's really what Dr. Larntz summarized, which is  
19 that right now, we are at the status quo, and  
20 companies can come in with their 510(k)s. Once we  
21 call for PMAs, the ones who are on the market will  
22 need to come in with their PMA applications, if  
23 that's the direction we end up going in, and we'd  
24 have to review them, and they would either be on or  
25 off the market at the end of that period. And any

1 new person after that time, after the call for PMAs  
2 was issued, would need to come in with a PMA. But  
3 if we don't take an action, things will continue as  
4 they are. We won't be able to do that  
5 indefinitely, but things would be the status quo.

6 DR. YASZEMSKI: Dr. Finnegan?

7 DR. FINNEGAN: Isn't the problem also that  
8 all the questions we have about the science will  
9 just go unanswered, or there will be low motivation  
10 for them to be answered, until the PMA is put  
11 through?

12 DR. WITTEN: Well, I don't know--I can't  
13 answer that because there are so many people  
14 involved in medical device development besides just  
15 the firms themselves who are studying these. There  
16 are patients, there are physicians who are  
17 interested in their progress--there is lots of  
18 other scientific data, I hope, that is being  
19 generated aside from just the manufacturers  
20 themselves. So I really can't answer that.

21 DR. YASZEMSKI: Dr. Peimer?

22 DR. PEIMER: I have to agree with Dr.  
23 Finnegan. Unless the card is cold, other than  
24 major adverse events, I think we aren't getting the  
25 information. And here, in what I think has been a

1 good-faith effort to provide data over a short  
2 period of time, we don't have information that  
3 people, physicians, and statisticians honestly want  
4 to have and be able to feel good about what they  
5 are approving goes into the bodies of all of us.

6 So I think the best way to protect the  
7 public is to call for PMAs, and 25 years seems like  
8 enough. That seems like enough time. You could  
9 even drink fine wine, whoever drinks fine wine,  
10 after 25 years.

11 So call for the PMAs, and move forward,  
12 and if additional 5-year data are required based on  
13 the PMA, then, by gosh, ask for it and go forward.  
14 I think the public will be better-served with that  
15 than with letting things continue on and more  
16 devices come on the market with 510(k)s.

17 DR. YASZEMSKI: Dr. Aboulafia?

18 DR. ABOULAFIA: I'll make it very brief,  
19 and I promise I won't comment again about it. But  
20 as we talk about prioritizing things and whether  
21 this is a high priority, your statements are very  
22 good generic statements and are true of every  
23 device that has come before the FDA or ever will  
24 come before the FDA--the question is do you think  
25 it becomes a high priority because of some

1 information that you have, or is the status quo for  
2 now--is it reasonable to assume that there isn't an  
3 overriding public health issue or concern, and that  
4 the 100 hips that we do have information on lead  
5 you to believe that we need an answer to this  
6 question, and we should stop letting them put them  
7 in under the current system.

8 DR. FINNEGAN: I don't think it's that so  
9 much as the history of implants and the fact that  
10 this has been going on for 25 years. I think there  
11 are very few--maybe I'm wrong--but I think there  
12 are very few implants that have been 510(k)s for 25  
13 years.

14 DR. YASZEMSKI: May I ask--we have had a  
15 lot of discussion on this--

16 DR. LARNTZ: Could I make one comment?  
17 I'm sorry.

18 DR. YASZEMSKI: Go ahead, Dr. Larntz.

19 DR. LARNTZ: I am in favor of a low  
20 priority because I think they are very close, and  
21 with a small amount of additional work, they could  
22 bring back this classification for the next panel  
23 meeting. It wouldn't take much, but it's a small  
24 amount. Since I can't approve it, I would make it  
25 a low priority, because I think if they think about

1 what we have said, they could come back very  
2 quickly, and it could easily be a Class II device.

3 DR. YASZEMSKI: Thanks, Dr. Larntz.

4 What I was about to ask--I am going to  
5 take you as the leader in what I was about to  
6 ask--that is, we have had a discussion about it.  
7 Let's walk around the panel one more time and say  
8 low, medium, or high.

9 I've got a low from Dr. Larntz.

10 Dr. Cheng?

11 DR. CHENG: I think they should call for  
12 it, so I would say high.

13 DR. YASZEMSKI: High from Dr. Cheng.

14 Dr. Wright?

15 DR. WRIGHT: Low.

16 DR. YASZEMSKI: Low from Dr. Wright.

17 Dr. Lyons?

18 DR. LYONS: Low.

19 DR. YASZEMSKI: Dr. Finnegan?

20 DR. FINNEGAN: High.

21 DR. YASZEMSKI: Dr. Li?

22 DR. LI: Can I ask one more question about  
23 this--I'm sorry.

24 DR. YASZEMSKI: Go ahead, Dr. Li.

25 DR. LI: My own personal conundrum here is

1 that there are two sets of devices in my mind.  
2 There are those devices that we know what they are  
3 and are 510(k)-cleared; and then, the second group  
4 of devices in my mind are the ones that we don't  
5 know what they are coming down the road, and we  
6 don't know in my mind all the biomechanical  
7 engineering aspects of what might make these  
8 devices good or bad.

9           So when you say--I guess my confusion in  
10 reading Number 10 is it says "Identify the priority  
11 for requiring premarket approval application  
12 submissions." The first time I read it through, I  
13 was going to say high because I thought that would  
14 pertain to all the new applications coming in; but  
15 if you're going to have to treat the ones that are  
16 out there the same way, so you would have to call  
17 immediately for the other--so it's all or nothing.

18           MS. SHULMAN: Correct. The ones out on  
19 the market would be treated as anyone coming into  
20 the market, and at the same time, they can undergo  
21 510(k) or premarket notification until we call for  
22 PMAs, and then everyone would have to submit a PMA.  
23 For anyone new coming onto the market undergoing  
24 510(k) now, there is always the option that it can  
25 be found not substantially equivalent because it is



1 that different and require a PMA a different way.  
2 However, we won't go there.

3 DR. YASZEMSKI: All right, Dr. Li--low,  
4 high, or medium?

5 DR. LI: High.

6 DR. YASZEMSKI: Dr. Peimer?

7 DR. PEIMER: In 30 months, the 24-month  
8 data will be 54 months, and we'll have our 5-year  
9 data; and if we call for it high, we've got to get  
10 it within 30 months. So I'm still high.

11 DR. YASZEMSKI: All right.

12 Dr. Aboulafia?

13 DR. ABOULAFIA: Low.

14 DR. YASZEMSKI: All right. I think we are  
15 4-4, and I'm going to say low, and then we'll vote  
16 on it that way.

17 Let's go to Number 11.

18 MS. SHULMAN: Number 11. "Can there  
19 otherwise be reasonable assurance of its safety and  
20 effectiveness without restrictions on its sale,  
21 distribution or use, because of any potentiality  
22 for harmful effect or the collateral measures  
23 necessary for the device's use."

24 This is a prescription question, and if  
25 you answer "yes," it is not a prescription device;

1 if you answer "no," it is a prescription device.

2 DR. YASZEMSKI: Dr. Aboulafia?

3 DR. ABOULAFIA: No.

4 DR. YASZEMSKI: Dr. Peimer?

5 DR. PEIMER: No.

6 DR. YASZEMSKI: Dr. Li?

7 DR. LI: No.

8 DR. YASZEMSKI: Dr. Finnegan?

9 DR. FINNEGAN: No.

10 DR. YASZEMSKI: Dr. Lyons?

11 DR. LYONS: No.

12 DR. YASZEMSKI: Dr. Wright?

13 DR. WRIGHT: No.

14 DR. YASZEMSKI: Dr. Cheng?

15 DR. CHENG: No.

16 DR. YASZEMSKI: Dr. Larntz?

17 DR. LARNTZ: No.

18 DR. YASZEMSKI: All right. We have "no"

19 for Question 11(a).

20 Now, Number 11(b).

21 MS. SHULMAN: Number 11 (b). "Identify  
22 the needed restrictions." These apply one on top  
23 of each other. The first one is "Only upon the  
24 written or oral authorization of a practitioner  
25 licensed by law to administer or use the device."

1 Second, "Use only by persons with specific training  
2 or experience in its use." The third one, "Use  
3 only in certain facilities," and the fourth option  
4 is anything other that you would want to add.

5 DR. YASZEMSKI: Dr. Aboulafia?

6 DR. ABOULAFIA: I would put yes to the  
7 first part, only upon written and oral  
8 authorization of a practitioner authorized to use  
9 it; and for "Other" I would put as part of a  
10 prospective clinical trial.

11 DR. YASZEMSKI: Dr. Peimer?

12 DR. PEIMER: I agree. I would check the  
13 first one, and I would require specific training  
14 for use of total hips.

15 DR. YASZEMSKI: Okay. Dr. Li?

16 DR. LI: I'll defer to my clinical  
17 colleagues on that one.

18 DR. YASZEMSKI: Okay. Dr. Finnegan?

19 DR. FINNEGAN: The first one.

20 DR. YASZEMSKI: Dr. Lyons?

21 DR. LYONS: The first one, and by  
22 orthopedic surgeons trained in total hips but not  
23 necessarily metal-on-metal stuff.

24 DR. YASZEMSKI: Dr. Wright?

25 DR. WRIGHT: I'd say yes to the first two.

1 DR. YASZEMSKI: Thank you.

2 Dr. Cheng?

3 DR. CHENG: The first one as well.

4 DR. YASZEMSKI: Dr. Larntz?

5 DR. LARNTZ: The first two.

6 DR. YASZEMSKI: Okay. We have the first  
7 one or first two. Is it 4-4? I'm not sure if I  
8 heard 4. Everybody said the first one.

9 MS. SHULMAN: Everybody said the first  
10 one.

11 DR. YASZEMSKI: And how many people said  
12 the second one--raise your hands.

13 [A show of hands.]

14 DR. YASZEMSKI: One, two, three; so just  
15 the first one is the one we'll put and then vote  
16 on, and people can speak with their vote. Okay.

17 Ms. Shulman?

18 MS. SHULMAN: Now for the second form, the  
19 Supplemental Data Sheet.

20 The third question is, "Is the device an  
21 implant?" Yes.

22 The fourth question: "Indications for use  
23 prescribed, recommended, or suggested in the  
24 device's labeling that were considered by the  
25 advisory panel."

1           We can say what was discussed, the  
2 indications for use that were discussed in the  
3 petition, if you want to agree with that, and we  
4 can put it back up if you want.

5           DR. YASZEMSKI: Let's go around. Dr.  
6 Aboulafia?

7           DR. ABOULAFIA: Appropriate per petition.

8           DR. YASZEMSKI: Dr. Peimer?

9           DR. PEIMER: Per petition.

10          DR. YASZEMSKI: Dr. Li?

11          DR. LI: The same.

12          DR. YASZEMSKI: Dr. Finnegan?

13          DR. FINNEGAN: The same.

14          DR. YASZEMSKI: Dr. Lyons?

15          DR. LYONS: The same.

16          DR. YASZEMSKI: Dr. Wright?

17          DR. WRIGHT: Per petition.

18          DR. YASZEMSKI: Dr. Cheng?

19          DR. CHENG: The same.

20          DR. YASZEMSKI: Dr. Larntz?

21          DR. LARNTZ: Agreed.

22          DR. YASZEMSKI: Per petition, Ms. Shulman.

23          MS. SHULMAN: Okay.

24          DR. YASZEMSKI: Number 5.

25          MS. SHULMAN: Number 5: "Identification

1 of any risks to health presented by device." We  
2 can also say what was covered in the petition, or  
3 if you want to add any at this time.

4 DR. YASZEMSKI: Are there any that want to  
5 be added? If you remember, when we answered  
6 Question 1, there was a list of risks that we  
7 didn't add to at that time.

8 Dr. Aboulafia, per petition?

9 DR. ABOULAFIA: I would neither add nor  
10 subtract.

11 DR. YASZEMSKI: Dr. Peimer?

12 DR. PEIMER: No change.

13 DR. YASZEMSKI: Dr. Li?

14 DR. LI: No change.

15 DR. YASZEMSKI: Dr. Finnegan?

16 DR. FINNEGAN: Per panel.

17 DR. YASZEMSKI: Dr. Lyons?

18 DR. LARNTZ: No change.

19 DR. YASZEMSKI: Dr. Wright?

20 DR. WRIGHT: No change.

21 DR. YASZEMSKI: Dr. Cheng?

22 DR. CHENG: No change.

23 DR. YASZEMSKI: Dr. Larntz?

24 DR. LARNTZ: No change.

25 DR. YASZEMSKI: Per petition and per panel

1 discussion.

2 MS. SHULMAN: Number 6. "Recommended  
3 advisory panel classification and priority." We  
4 decided that that was Classification III, and the  
5 priority--

6 DR. YASZEMSKI: We said low.

7 MS. SHULMAN: --low.

8 DR. YASZEMSKI: Okay. Number 7.

9 MS. SHULMAN: Number 7 does not apply  
10 because it is in Class III.

11 DR. YASZEMSKI: Number 8.

12 MS. SHULMAN: Number 8. Summary of  
13 information, including clinical experience or  
14 judgment, upon which classification recommendation  
15 is based."

16 We can say, if you wish, what was  
17 discussed today in the panel meeting.

18 DR. YASZEMSKI: Per panel discussion.

19 We'll go around for a yea. Dr. Aboulafia?

20 DR. ABOULAFIA: Yea.

21 DR. YASZEMSKI: Dr. Peimer?

22 DR. PEIMER: Yea.

23 DR. YASZEMSKI: Dr. Li?

24 DR. LI: Yea.

25 DR. YASZEMSKI: Dr. Finnegan?

1 DR. FINNEGAN: Yea.

2 DR. YASZEMSKI: Dr. Lyons?

3 DR. LYONS: Yea.

4 DR. YASZEMSKI: Dr. Wright?

5 DR. WRIGHT: Yea.

6 DR. YASZEMSKI: Dr. Cheng?

7 DR. CHENG: Yea.

8 DR. YASZEMSKI: Dr. Larntz?

9 DR. LARNTZ: Yea.

10 MS. SHULMAN: Number 9 is the restrictions  
11 question again. "Identification of any needed  
12 restrictions on the use of the device." And we  
13 had--it is a prescription device only--I don't  
14 remember--did we pick training, or not? No.  
15 Prescription device. Was there anything else that  
16 should be added there?

17 DR. YASZEMSKI: Dr. Aboulafia?

18 DR. ABOULAFIA: I wondered--I said that I  
19 wanted these put in as part of a prospective  
20 clinical trial. No one took up on that. Is that  
21 appropriate/not appropriate, or is it  
22 worthwhile/not worthwhile?

23 DR. YASZEMSKI: Let's go around.

24 Dr. Peimer, should we include as part of a  
25 clinical trial?



1 DR. PEIMER: No.

2 DR. YASZEMSKI: Dr. Li?

3 DR. LI: I'm sorry--

4 DR. YASZEMSKI: Should we include a  
5 restriction that they put in as part of a  
6 prospective clinical trial?

7 DR. LI: That they have to have a  
8 prospective clinical trial?

9 DR. YASZEMSKI: Yes.

10 DR. LI: I'll say yes.

11 DR. YASZEMSKI: Dr. Finnegan?

12 DR. FINNEGAN: Maybe--I'll say yes.

13 DR. YASZEMSKI: Dr. Lyons?

14 DR. LYONS: No.

15 DR. YASZEMSKI: Dr. Wright?

16 DR. WRIGHT: No.

17 DR. YASZEMSKI: Dr. Cheng?

18 DR. CHENG: I'm not sure I understood the  
19 question. Could you clarify it?

20 DR. YASZEMSKI: We're discussing whether  
21 we should add under Number 9, "needed restrictions  
22 on the use of the device," whether we should put in  
23 there before we vote on this sheet that it can be  
24 put in only under the auspices of a prospective  
25 clinical trial.

1 DR. LI: I misunderstood the question,  
2 then. So this means that you're going to do a  
3 prospective clinical trial before sale?

4 DR. WITTEN: Can I make some  
5 clarification--

6 DR. YASZEMSKI: Please do, Dr. Witten.

7 DR. WITTEN: 510(k) devices are not  
8 experimental devices, so what you would be saying  
9 is that you wouldn't even think they should be  
10 allowed on the market as 510(k)s, but they should  
11 only be allowed as part of an Investigational  
12 Device Exemption.

13 DR. YASZEMSKI: All right. We'll withdraw  
14 that, we'll withdraw that. Thank you.

15 So we'll move to Dr. Peimer. If the  
16 needed restrictions on the use were just the first  
17 box, that they are prescription devices by a  
18 licensed physician.

19 DR. PEIMER: I would like to take one more  
20 go at the panel and see if I can pick up one vote.  
21 On training in orthopedic total hip implants, I  
22 agree with Dr. Lyons--not specifically  
23 metal-on-metal, but that you have specific training  
24 in the hip implants rather than just per  
25 prescription.

1 DR. YASZEMSKI: May I ask Dr. Witten for  
2 your discussion on the relationship of FDA to  
3 medical licensure for the States? That may clarify  
4 this issue.

5 DR. WITTEN: Yes. You can recommend that  
6 the person be appropriately trained, but to say  
7 that they would be appropriately trained  
8 orthopedists would be beyond--

9 DR. PEIMER: No, i didn't say  
10 orthopedists, no--appropriately trained in hip  
11 prosthetic surgery.

12 DR. YASZEMSKI: I might also mention that  
13 for the metal-on-polyethylene hips, that's not a  
14 requirement at the current time, so this would be  
15 different than the requirements that are out there  
16 for existing total hip arthroplasties.

17 MS. SHULMAN: Can I clarify something,  
18 also? That added restriction can be what you're  
19 saying, but it is also used a lot of times in the  
20 context of the company providing training to the  
21 surgeon before its use; so it would be a part of  
22 either the approval process or part of a special  
23 control for the company to come and provide  
24 training. So it can also be used that way, and a  
25 lot of times, that's what that part means, too.

1 DR. YASZEMSKI: I might ask for other  
2 input from the panel, but I would say that my view  
3 on this is that that would be covered by existing  
4 medical licensure laws and that it would be  
5 unlikely that someone other than an orthopedic  
6 surgeon would be doing this.

7 Are there other comments from the panel on  
8 that--I wouldn't think we would need to put that in  
9 specifically here.

10 DR. PEIMER: Specific device implantation  
11 has not, at least in my part of New York State,  
12 been regulated in that way, and if there are some  
13 radically new devices or procedures, they may catch  
14 the attention of credentialing boards, but I think  
15 for Mr. Dacey's hip, I'd like him to feel that he's  
16 getting someone who is trained in hip implantation  
17 surgery and not someone, orthopedic surgeon or  
18 otherwise, who has never put a hip in before. I  
19 don't think it's unreasonable to ask for. I think  
20 it's one of those things that I would like to  
21 believe--I tend to believe that by spillover, it  
22 will work its way into metal-on-plastic hips as  
23 well.

24 DR. YASZEMSKI: Other panel comments?

25 Dr. Aboulafia?

1 DR. ABOULAFIA: I just think that falls  
2 out of the purview of FDA. I am legally allowed to  
3 administer a general anesthetic. The people who  
4 make the anesthesia machines don't have to put that  
5 I shouldn't be doing it. It's not something that's  
6 in the purview of the FDA. Hand surgery isn't  
7 regulated--they can't say who is allowed to put in  
8 certain implants in the hand or anything else. So  
9 it's more in the purview of delineation of  
10 privileges than it is something that the FDA can  
11 require.

12 DR. PEIMER: In which case--

13 DR. ABOULAFIA: In other words, there is  
14 no other--

15 DR. PEIMER: --why isn't that on two of  
16 these sheets?

17 DR. ABOULAFIA: They're looking for  
18 special training, like is this something that is so  
19 different--like when Syntheze first came out with  
20 implants, they wanted to specially train doctors to  
21 understand the idea of compression plating; that  
22 was something different than what had been done  
23 previously, at least in their view. Whereas  
24 this--do you think someone who knows how to do a  
25 total hip needs special training from the company,

1 or not? If you don't, the answer is "no." If you  
2 think this is so different than any other total  
3 hip--okay.

4 DR. YASZEMSKI: Let's finish the rest of  
5 the panel.

6 Dr. Finnegan?

7 DR. FINNEGAN: I would actually like to  
8 address that, because I think in the hands of  
9 people who designed this and who are very good at  
10 it, there have been some interesting problems, and  
11 I think the problem of clearance in particular,  
12 which is not necessarily as specific a problem with  
13 metal-on-polyethylene, probably does warrant some  
14 kind of basic training in the implant, and I would  
15 certainly support that.

16 DR. YASZEMSKI: Dr. Lyons?

17 DR. LYONS: My opinion draws from the fact  
18 that I still think Number 7 should be "yes" and  
19 that's because as an engineering, I think I have a  
20 very good comfort level with this product. As a  
21 physician, I have a problem with polyethylene  
22 debris giving me trouble, and I want an  
23 alternative. I think that the data makes me  
24 comfortable there is an alternative--but it's a new  
25 device, and I think that you ought to let the new

1 surgeons know if it is something different than  
2 they are using that there are qualifiers, things  
3 you have to watch for, impingement, which will lead  
4 to loosening that would lead to metallosis.

5 There are issues there, so from my  
6 perspective, if I am looking to go ahead and  
7 down-class it to II, I want to upgrade my warning  
8 or somehow get a message to the surgeons.

9 However, for the rest of the panel who  
10 might keep Number 7 "no", I understand exactly what  
11 you are saying. My precondition is that I want to  
12 down-class it because I have a good comfort level  
13 with the technology. That was the only reason.

14 So I would still recommend some way on a  
15 product, if it is down-classed, to tell the  
16 surgeons in that process that it is not the same as  
17 what you are used to. That's why I'd like to have  
18 some kind of notice.

19 DR. YASZEMSKI: Thank you.

20 Dr. Wright?

21 DR. WRIGHT: Can I just say "no"?

22 DR. YASZEMSKI: That's fine.

23 Dr. Cheng?

24 DR. CHENG: I would say no.

25 DR. YASZEMSKI: Dr. Larntz?

1 DR. LARNTZ: No.

2 DR. YASZEMSKI: Okay. I think the major  
3 is "no" for the second one.

4 Then, the people who want "yes" can vote  
5 as your conscience dictates when it comes time to  
6 vote on the proposal.

7 Go ahead, Ms. Shulman.

8 MS. SHULMAN: Question 10, we skip,  
9 because that's just for Class I or certain Class II  
10 devices.

11 Question 11. "Existing standards  
12 applicable to the device, device subassemblies  
13 (components) or device materials (parts or  
14 accessories)."

15 I believe there was a list, too, wasn't  
16 there, on one of the slides of the standards?

17 DR. YASZEMSKI: Yes. There was a list of  
18 ASTM standards that Mr. Steigman presented that  
19 applied to it as voluntary standards, and if  
20 voluntary standard inclusions are okay, we can  
21 include them as per his presentation.

22 MS. SHULMAN: Correct.

23 DR. YASZEMSKI: Thank you.

24 Now we will proceed with the second open  
25 public hearing session of this meeting. I'll ask



1 at this time that all persons addressing the panel  
2 come forward and speak clearly into the microphone  
3 as the transcriptionist is dependent on this means  
4 of providing an accurate record of the meeting. We  
5 are requesting that all persons making statements  
6 during the open public hearing of the meeting  
7 disclose whether they have financial interests in  
8 any medical device company.

9 Before making your presentation to the  
10 panel, in addition to stating your name and  
11 affiliation, please state the nature of your  
12 financial interest.

13 At this time, is there anyone who wishes  
14 or needs to address the panel?

15 [No response.]

16 DR. YASZEMSKI: Seeing none, I would like  
17 to specifically ask if any of the members of OSMA  
18 would like to take another opportunity to address  
19 the panel.

20 [No response.]

21 DR. YASZEMSKI: Seeing none, we have  
22 completed the worksheet and Supplemental Data  
23 Sheet, and we will now proceed to voting upon them.

24 I'll remind everybody that the industry  
25 and consumer representatives as well as the chair

1 do not vote, and the chair votes only in the event  
2 of a tie.

3 I will ask at this time if there is a  
4 motion to accept the Classification Worksheet as we  
5 have just filled it out, with a recommendation of  
6 Class III.

7 Dr. Lyons, could I ask you to make a  
8 motion?

9 DR. LYONS: I would actually make the  
10 motion to declassify to II.

11 DR. YASZEMSKI: Okay. I neglected to  
12 remember that you were in the minority--pardon  
13 me--and it would be inappropriate to ask you to  
14 make the motion.

15 DR. LYONS: Yes; I'd just as soon not.

16 DR. YASZEMSKI: Pardon me for asking you  
17 to do that.

18 I'd like to ask for that motion from one  
19 of the members of the majority.

20 DR. CHENG: So moved.

21 DR. YASZEMSKI: Dr. Cheng, would you care  
22 to make that motion?

23 DR. CHENG: I move that you approve it in  
24 its present form.

25 DR. YASZEMSKI: Thank you.

1 Is there a second for the motion?

2 DR. PEIMER: Second.

3 DR. YASZEMSKI: The motion has been moved  
4 and seconded to vote for Class III classification  
5 as described in the classification and supplemental  
6 worksheets that have just been filled out.

7 I will ask all the members to vote now,  
8 and we'll start with Dr. Larntz.

9 DR. LARNTZ: Aye.

10 DR. YASZEMSKI: Dr. Larntz, aye.

11 Dr. Cheng?

12 DR. CHENG: Yes.

13 DR. YASZEMSKI: Dr. Wright?

14 DR. WRIGHT: Yes.

15 DR. YASZEMSKI: Dr. Lyons?

16 DR. LYONS: I am in a tiny minority; no.

17 DR. YASZEMSKI: It's important.

18 DR. FINNEGAN: It's an important minority.

19 DR. YASZEMSKI: Dr. Finnegan?

20 DR. FINNEGAN: Yes--I mean, no. I vote  
21 against the amendment.

22 DR. YASZEMSKI: You vote against.

23 Dr. Li?

24 DR. LI: In favor.

25 DR. YASZEMSKI: Dr. Peimer?

1 DR. PEIMER: In favor.

2 DR. YASZEMSKI: And Dr. Aboulafia?

3 DR. ABOULAFIA: Yes to the motion.

4 DR. YASZEMSKI: The vote is 5-2 in favor  
5 of the motion. The recommendation of the panel is  
6 that the metal-on-metal device be classified into  
7 Class III.

8 We'll now take a 15-minute break and  
9 proceed with the closed session.

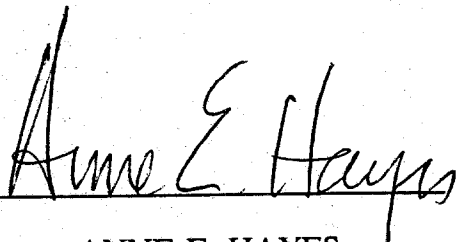
10 [Whereupon, at 3:34 p.m., the open session  
11 was concluded, to reconvene in closed session at  
12 3:56 p.m.]

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